

was recognized in 2003, 2004, and 2005 as a Young Leaders Fellow for the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations. She has been recognized by the nominating committee of Catholic Health Association and as honorary chairperson of the National Black Family Summit. George Washington University has presented her with the Martin Luther King, Jr. Medal for Human Rights and Virginia Union University has named her an outstanding alumna.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Roslyn McCallister Brock. Her motto is an African proverb: "Care more than others think is wise, Risk more than others think is safe, Dream more than others think is practical and Expect more than others think is possible." She embodies these words every day as she strives to enhance our society and bring about a better life for our most vulnerable citizens.

OBSERVING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF AFRICAN AMERICANS AND BLACK HISTORY MONTH

HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 3, 2008

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, as we celebrate Black History Month, we should remember that this year is the 40th anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a man of peace, a man of love, a man of nonviolence. We should pause in thanks for the great contributions he made to make our country a better place. What he did in organizing and leading the Montgomery Bus Boycott more than 50 years ago, liberated not just a people but an entire nation.

Dr. King followed in the tradition of a very long and distinguished list of men and women who made unbelievable contributions to America and the world at large. The life works and contributions of these people continue to inspire us and will inspire generations yet to be born. Whether in education, sports, politics, business, medicine, the arts and sciences, one can turn the pages and see these unbelievable individuals' faces as part of our his-

tory. These individuals, whether it's Jackie Robinson, Booker T. Washington, George Washington Carver, Ralph Bunche, Rosa Parks, Joe Louis, they are all members of a cadre that must be looked upon as contributors to a better America. At this point, this juncture, we celebrate their lives and their contributions.

A TRIBUTE TO RUBY N. HOLMES

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 3, 2008

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the achievements and celebrate the 80th birthday of Ruby N. Holmes. Born in Laurens, South Carolina in 1928, Ruby was raised in a large share-cropping family. Her father was a minister and her mom a missionary.

Ruby migrated to New York City in the late 1940s after becoming the first of 14 children to graduate college. She attended Allen University in Columbia, South Carolina where she became a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Ruby then earned a bachelor's degree in education from Pace University and a master's degree in early childhood education from Adelphi University.

Ruby married Martin L. Holmes, now deceased, after settling in Brooklyn and raised a family in the Farragut Houses. When her children were school aged, she began a career as an early childhood educator, working 30 years at the Brevoort Children's Center as a group teacher before her retirement.

Ruby is a member of the Church of the Open Door. She is the former Women's Day chairperson; a trustee; Sunday school teacher; member of the Silver Singers; Open Book Club; the Anna and James Ministry; as well as member and past coordinator of the Senior's Ministry. She is involved in social action in her community and is a former member of the Farragut Community Board.

Ruby is the mother of two daughters Karen and Cheryl Holmes. She is also the grandmother to Paul Williams and Schuyler Burke.

Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Ruby N. Holmes, on her 80th birthday and let her know how much she is appreciated by all of those whose lives she has touched.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Ruby N. Holmes.

RECOGNIZING RICHARD TULISANO

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 3, 2008

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the life and political legacy of former Connecticut State representative, Richard Tulisano. Richard passed away on Wednesday, February 20, 2008.

Richard was a giant in Connecticut State politics for over three decades. His political career began in 1976 when he was elected to represent the 29th District in Connecticut's General Assembly. During his tenure, he served as the chairman for the judiciary committee from 1979 to 1985 and 1987 to 1993 and the house majority whip until his retirement in 2001. Following retirement from the General Assembly, he served as chief of staff for House Speaker Moira Lyons, a position he would retain until his passing.

I had the privilege to serve with Richard during my tenure in Connecticut's General Assembly and saw firsthand his fearless defense of individual rights, freedom of speech, and tenacious advocacy for "the little guy." He was known at times for a gruff exterior, but beneath it was a heart of pure gold. He taught me a lot about being a good legislator, but even more important about being a good person.

The outpouring of people and accolades in the wake of his passing was a testament of how revered and admired he was. Also his wife Beverley was as much a part of his wonderful life story. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me and my constituents in celebrating Richard's life and offering condolences to his family.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, March 4, 2008 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MARCH 5

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009, for the Department of the Air Force, and the future years defense program.

SH-216

Appropriations

Energy and Water Development Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Energy.

SD-124

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine strengthening national security, focusing on smart power and military perspective.

SD-419

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider S. 579, to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer, S. 1810, to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the provision of scientifically sound information and support services to patients receiving a positive test diagnosis for Down syndrome or other prenatal and postnatal diagnosed conditions, S. 999, to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve stroke prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation, S. 1760, to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the Healthy Start Initiative, H.R. 20, to provide for research on, and services for individuals with, postpartum depression and psychosis, and S. 1042, to amend the Public Health Service Act to make the provision of technical services for medical imaging examinations and radiation therapy treatments safer, more accurate, and less costly, and any pending nominations.

SD-430

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine census in peril, focusing on getting the 2010 decennial back on track.

SD-342

10 a.m.

Judiciary

To continue oversight hearings to examine the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

SD-106

10:30 a.m.

Appropriations

Defense Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of the Navy.

SD-192

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine the rising cost of heating homes, focusing on Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

SD-430

Aging

To hold hearings to examine elderly hunger in America, focusing on the steps needed to prevent this now and in the future.

SD-562

11:15 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

Business meeting to consider the nomination of J. Gregory Copeland, of Texas, to be General Counsel of the Department of Energy.

SD-366

2:30 p.m.

Budget

Business meeting to markup the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2009.

SD-608

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the state of the United States Postal Service one year after reform.

SD-342

Armed Services

Personnel Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the findings and recommendations of the Department of Defense Task Force on Mental Health, the Army's Mental Health Advisory Team reports, and Department of Defense and service-wide improvements in mental health resources, including suicide prevention, for servicemembers and their families.

SR-232A

3 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the initial amendment between the United States and the Russian Federation on the Agreement Suspending the Antidumping Investigation on Uranium from the Russian Federation.

SD-366

Appropriations

Financial Services and General Government Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Treasury.

SD-138

MARCH 6

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year

2009 for the U.S. Southern and Northern Command, and the future years defense program.

SH-216

Veterans' Affairs

To hold joint hearings with the House Veterans Affairs Committee to examine a sundry of associations outlook on veterans affairs issues.

345-CHOB

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings with the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform Subcommittee of Federal Workforce, Postal Service, and the District of Columbia to examine investing in the future of the federal workforce, focusing on paid parental leave to improve recruitment and retention.

2154-RHOB

10 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine reforming the regulation of government sponsored enterprises.

SD-538

Budget

Business meeting to continue markup of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2009.

Room to be announced

Appropriations

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Commerce.

SD-138

Finance

To hold hearings to examine the Administration's 2008 trade agenda.

SD-215

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine unemployment in the economy, focusing on ways to secure families and build opportunities.

SD-430

Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the state of facilities in Indian country jails, schools, and health facilities.

SD-628

Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 2304, to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide grants for the improved mental health treatment and services provided to offenders with mental illnesses, S. 2449, to amend chapter 111 of title 28, United States Code, relating to protective orders, sealing of cases, disclosures of discovery information in civil actions, S. 352, to provide for media coverage of Federal court proceedings, S. 2136, to address the treatment of primary mortgages in bankruptcy, S. 2133, to authorize bankruptcy courts to take certain actions with respect to mortgage loans in bankruptcy, S. 2041, to amend the False Claims Act, S. 2533, to enact a safe, fair, and responsible state secrets privilege Act, and the nominations of Kevin J. O'Connor, of Connecticut, to be Associate Attorney General, and Gregory G. Katsas, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Attorney General, both of the Department of Justice, Brian Stacy Miller, of to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas, James Randal Hall, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Georgia, William Joseph Hawe, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Washington, Stanley Thomas Anderson, to be United

States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee, and John A. Mendez, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California.

SD-226

Appropriations

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Transportation.

SD-192

10:30 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2009 for the U.S. Coast Guard and conduct oversight.

SR-253

2:30 p.m.

Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

MARCH 7

9:30 a.m.

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine the current employment situation of 2008.

SD-628

MARCH 11

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009 for U.S. Pacific Command and U.S. Forces in Korea, and the future years defense program.

SH-216

Veterans' Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense cooperation and collaboration, focusing on caring for families of wounded warriors.

SR-418

10 a.m.

Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2009 for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Civil Works Program, and the implementation of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2007 (Public Law 110-114).

SD-406

Commerce, Science, and Transportation Science, Technology, and Innovation Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2009 to support U.S. basic research.

SR-253

2:30 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Transportation's Cross-Truck pilot program.

SR-253

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Grace C. Becker, of New York, to be Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice.

SD-226

MARCH 12

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee

To receive a briefing on the current readiness of the armed forces of the United States.

SH-219

10 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development and conduct oversight.

SD-538

Rules and Administration

To hold hearings to examine issues relative to in-person voter fraud and voter disenfranchisement.

SR-301

Armed Services

Strategic Forces Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine strategic forces programs in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009 and the future years defense program.

SR-232A

1:30 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Interstate Commerce, Trade, and Tourism Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the gross domestic product as a measurement of national strength.

SR-253

2 p.m.

Armed Services

SeaPower Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009, for the strategic lift programs, and the future years defense program.

SR-222

2:15 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine hardrock mining, focusing on issues relating to abandoned mine lands and uranium mining.

SD-366

2:30 p.m.

Armed Services

Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine technologies to combat weapons of mass destruction.

SD-106

Armed Services

Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009, the future years defense program, and military installation, environmental, and base closure programs.

SR-232A

MARCH 13

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009 for the United States European Command and the United States African Command, and the future years defense program.

SH-216

2 p.m.

Armed Services

Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009 for the current readiness of the armed forces, and the future years defense program.

SR-232A

2:30 p.m.

Armed Services

Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009 for the Cooperative Threat Reduction Program and the Proliferation Security Initiative at the Department of Defense, and nuclear nonproliferation programs at the National Security Administration, and the future years defense program.

SR-222

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Fisheries and Coast Guard Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget request for fiscal year 2009 for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

SR-253

Energy and Natural Resources

Public Lands and Forests Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine old-growth forest science, focusing on policy and management in the Pacific Northwest region.

SD-366

APRIL 8

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the Federal Trade Commission reauthorization.

SR-253